



## Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition Report

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Arkansas, there were 4.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, April 15, 2018. Topsoil moisture supplies were 0 percent very short, 4 percent short, 59 percent adequate, and 37 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 1 percent very short, 6 percent short, 64 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 32.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Ashdown to 49.1 degrees Fahrenheit at Des Arc. Highs ranged from 54.0 degrees Fahrenheit at Keiser to 71.7 degrees Fahrenheit at Cabot. Moderate precipitation was received throughout the State, with the highest concentration occurring in the central part of the State with an average of 2.40 inches.

### Crop progress for week ending April 15, 2018

| Crop                 | This week | Last week | Last year | 5-year average |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
|                      | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent)      |
| Corn, planted        | 52        | 31        | 78        | 58             |
| Corn, emerged        | 20        | 9         | 50        | 31             |
| Rice, planted        | 27        | 10        | 61        | 33             |
| Rice, emerged        | 3         | 1         | 21        | 8              |
| Sorghum, planted     | 1         | 0         | 27        | 15             |
| Soybeans, planted    | 10        | 5         | 22        | 10             |
| Soybeans, emerged    | 1         | 0         | 7         | 2              |
| Winter wheat, headed | 32        | 21        | 86        | 26             |

### Crop condition for week ending April 15, 2018

| Item         | Very poor | Poor      | Fair      | Good      | Excellent |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|              | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Hay, alfalfa | 0         | 21        | 52        | 26        | 1         |
| Hay, other   | 2         | 9         | 52        | 31        | 6         |
| Livestock    | 1         | 7         | 40        | 46        | 6         |
| Pasture      | 4         | 24        | 41        | 28        | 3         |
| Winter wheat | 2         | 11        | 35        | 46        | 6         |

### Comments from Cooperative Extension Service County Agents

“Unusually cold temperatures remained in the area for the majority of last week. Temperatures are expected to climb, but the growth of plants has been set back considerably.”

- Darin Henderson, Madison County

“A good portion of our corn and rice was planted last week. Strong winds during planting prevented pre-emergence herbicide application. Heavy rains over the weekend may result in replanting of low places with poor surface drainage.”

- Dave Freeze, Green County

“Planting picked up around rains last week. Frost damage occurred on newly emerged crops and fruit trees along with recently transplanted vegetables. Corn was greening back up from this event, but fruit and vegetable plants are a near total loss.”

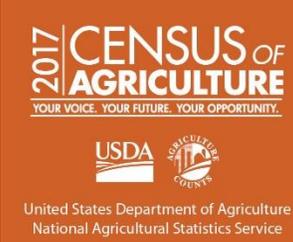
- Brent Griffin, Prairie County

“Cold temperatures damaged some Bermuda grass, but it should be fine. Spring oats were showing signs of cold weather damage also. Corn planting started, and if the ground dries some, rice should be planted next week.”

- Kevin Lawson, Perry County

“Corn acreage number is a moving target. Rain delays will likely shift some of the corn acres to an alternative crop. I believe next week will be a better indicator for corn acreage.”

- Ray Benson, Mississippi County



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**Arkansas Weather Summary for Week Ending April 15, 2018**

| Division/Station     | Air Temperature |             |             |             |             | Precipitation |           |             |             |                |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------------|
|                      | Max             | Min         | Avg         | Norm        | DFN         | One Week      | Rain Days | DFN         | Four Weeks  | Four Weeks DFN |
| <b>Northwest</b>     |                 |             |             |             |             |               |           |             |             |                |
| Kingston             | 60.9            | 35.0        | 47.9        | 55.3        | -7.3        | 0.68          | 1         | (NA)        | 7.71        | (NA)           |
| Lead Hill            | 63.1            | 37.9        | 50.5        | 54.0        | -3.5        | 1.60          | 1         | 0.57        | 8.12        | 4.11           |
| Winslow              | 58.3            | 37.5        | 47.9        | (NA)        | (NA)        | 1.22          | 1         | (NA)        | 8.15        | (NA)           |
| Extreme/Average      | 60.8            | 36.8        | 48.8        | 54.6        | -5.4        | 1.17          | 1         | 0.57        | 7.99        | 4.11           |
| <b>North Central</b> |                 |             |             |             |             |               |           |             |             |                |
| Calico Rock          | 65.7            | 39.1        | 52.4        | 55.9        | -3.5        | 2.47          | 1         | 1.38        | 5.80        | 1.48           |
| Evening Shade        | 66.2            | 42.5        | 54.3        | 57.7        | -3.2        | 1.90          | 1         | 1.00        | 5.23        | 1.18           |
| Gilbert              | 67.3            | 41.1        | 54.2        | 56.8        | -2.6        | 1.70          | 1         | 0.66        | 7.12        | 3.03           |
| Mammoth Spring       | 65.3            | 42.4        | 53.9        | 55.8        | -1.9        | 2.12          | 1         | 0.98        | 5.93        | 1.57           |
| Mountain Home        | 60.3            | 39.4        | 49.9        | 57.3        | -7.4        | 1.71          | 1         | 0.60        | 7.12        | 2.74           |
| Mountain View        | 64.7            | 40.0        | 52.3        | 58.2        | -5.8        | 1.16          | 1         | 0.19        | 4.90        | 0.95           |
| Extreme/Average      | 64.9            | 40.8        | 52.8        | 56.9        | -4.1        | 1.84          | 1         | 0.80        | 6.02        | 1.83           |
| <b>Northeast</b>     |                 |             |             |             |             |               |           |             |             |                |
| Corning              | 63.3            | 43.7        | 53.5        | 59.1        | -5.4        | 1.94          | 1         | 1.05        | 4.14        | 0.41           |
| Jonesboro            | 64.6            | 42.1        | 53.4        | 58.5        | -5.2        | 2.40          | 1         | 1.29        | 5.34        | 1.17           |
| Keiser               | 54.0            | 37.0        | 45.5        | 60.1        | -14.0       | 0.00          | 0         | -0.47       | 5.78        | 2.08           |
| Newport              | 63.1            | 44.3        | 53.7        | 59.4        | -5.7        | 2.27          | 1         | 1.16        | 4.70        | 0.39           |
| Pocahontas           | 65.0            | 38.9        | 51.9        | 57.2        | -5.3        | 2.20          | 1         | 1.16        | 4.31        | 0.23           |
| Searcy               | 65.8            | 44.5        | 55.2        | 59.3        | -4.0        | 0.14          | 1         | -0.80       | 3.03        | -1.16          |
| Extreme/Average      | 62.6            | 41.8        | 52.2        | 58.9        | -6.6        | 1.49          | 1         | 0.56        | 4.55        | 0.52           |
| <b>West Central</b>  |                 |             |             |             |             |               |           |             |             |                |
| Booneville           | 65.0            | 37.3        | 51.2        | 58.9        | -7.7        | 1.96          | 1         | 1.17        | 6.00        | 2.39           |
| Dardanelle           | 70.7            | 44.0        | 58.3        | 61.2        | -3.1        | 1.33          | 1         | (NA)        | 4.87        | (NA)           |
| Mena                 | 66.1            | 40.7        | 53.4        | 57.5        | -4.0        | 2.14          | 1         | 0.95        | 7.53        | 2.91           |
| Subiaco              | 67.4            | 40.1        | 53.8        | 59.7        | -5.9        | 2.27          | 1         | 1.31        | 6.41        | 2.69           |
| Waldron              | 66.1            | 40.7        | 53.4        | 58.4        | -4.9        | 1.80          | 1         | 0.83        | 5.93        | 2.22           |
| Extreme/Average      | 67.1            | 40.6        | 54.0        | 59.1        | -5.1        | 1.90          | 1         | 1.06        | 6.15        | 2.55           |
| <b>Central</b>       |                 |             |             |             |             |               |           |             |             |                |
| Alum Fork            | 65.3            | 39.3        | 52.3        | 58.6        | -6.3        | 2.16          | 1         | 0.95        | 5.66        | 1.00           |
| Cabot                | 71.7            | 44.4        | 58.1        | 59.3        | -1.2        | 2.75          | 2         | 1.73        | 5.82        | 1.70           |
| Conway               | 68.0            | 42.9        | 55.4        | 59.4        | -4.0        | 2.01          | 1         | 1.03        | 4.88        | 0.39           |
| Hot Springs          | 67.9            | 44.9        | 56.4        | 60.8        | -4.4        | 3.38          | 1         | 2.17        | 8.02        | 3.22           |
| Morrilton            | 67.7            | 42.1        | 54.9        | 58.8        | -3.8        | 1.72          | 1         | 0.69        | 5.13        | 0.97           |
| Extreme/Average      | 68.1            | 42.7        | 55.4        | 59.4        | -4.0        | 2.40          | 2         | 1.31        | 5.90        | 1.46           |
| <b>East Central</b>  |                 |             |             |             |             |               |           |             |             |                |
| Brinkley             | (NA)            | (NA)        | (NA)        | 59.9        | (NA)        | (NA)          | (NA)      | (NA)        | (NA)        | (NA)           |
| Des Arc              | 68.0            | 49.1        | 58.6        | 61.2        | -2.6        | 2.28          | 2         | 1.11        | 5.96        | 1.34           |
| Keo                  | 66.1            | 44.3        | 55.2        | 62.2        | -7.0        | 2.89          | 2         | 1.66        | 8.05        | 3.55           |
| Stuttgart            | 64.8            | 45.4        | 55.1        | 60.5        | -5.1        | 1.70          | 1         | 0.82        | 4.45        | 0.39           |
| West Memphis         | 64.0            | 41.2        | 52.6        | 59.9        | -7.1        | 0.11          | 1         | -0.72       | 3.43        | -0.40          |
| Extreme/Average      | 65.7            | 45.0        | 55.4        | 60.8        | -5.5        | 1.75          | 2         | 0.72        | 5.47        | 1.22           |
| <b>Southwest</b>     |                 |             |             |             |             |               |           |             |             |                |
| Ashdown              | 66.1            | 32.1        | 49.1        | (NA)        | (NA)        | 0.56          | 1         | -0.37       | 3.10        | -0.93          |
| De Queen             | 70.4            | 40.4        | 55.4        | 59.7        | -4.0        | 0.01          | 1         | -0.75       | 5.92        | 1.63           |
| Hope                 | 69.1            | 42.3        | 55.7        | 60.7        | -5.0        | 0.70          | 1         | -0.31       | 5.57        | 1.60           |
| Murfreesboro         | 70.0            | 42.2        | 56.1        | 58.6        | -2.6        | 2.87          | 1         | 1.89        | 7.45        | 2.90           |
| Nashville            | 69.9            | 41.3        | 55.6        | 61.5        | -5.9        | 2.17          | 1         | 1.13        | 6.19        | 1.86           |
| Extreme/Average      | 69.1            | 39.7        | 54.4        | 60.1        | -4.4        | 1.26          | 1         | 0.32        | 5.65        | 1.41           |
| <b>South Central</b> |                 |             |             |             |             |               |           |             |             |                |
| Camden               | 68.8            | 42.7        | 55.8        | 61.7        | -6.1        | 1.30          | 1         | 0.43        | 7.14        | 3.38           |
| Fordyce              | 67.9            | 43.3        | 55.6        | 59.6        | -4.1        | 2.10          | 1         | 1.03        | 8.05        | 3.51           |
| Magnolia             | (NA)            | (NA)        | (NA)        | 61.3        | (NA)        | 0.00          | 0         | -0.70       | 4.16        | 0.70           |
| Prescott             | 56.0            | 36.0        | 46.0        | 60.3        | -13.4       | 0.00          | 0         | -0.15       | 4.73        | 1.50           |
| Sparkman             | 70.1            | 42.1        | 56.1        | 60.1        | -4.0        | 2.38          | 1         | 1.26        | 8.29        | 3.82           |
| Extreme/Average      | 65.7            | 41.0        | 53.4        | 60.6        | -6.9        | 1.16          | 1         | 0.37        | 6.47        | 2.58           |
| <b>Southeast</b>     |                 |             |             |             |             |               |           |             |             |                |
| Crossett             | 71.6            | 44.6        | 58.1        | 60.9        | -2.8        | 1.09          | 1         | 0.05        | 6.35        | 2.32           |
| Eudora               | 68.0            | 39.6        | 53.8        | 63.7        | -9.6        | 0.00          | 0         | -0.95       | 6.20        | 2.51           |
| Pine Bluff           | 69.6            | 46.6        | 58.1        | 61.7        | -3.8        | 3.88          | 2         | 3.10        | 10.07       | 6.04           |
| Portland             | 65.6            | 43.8        | 54.7        | 61.9        | -6.9        | 0.00          | 0         | -0.75       | 5.93        | 2.04           |
| Rohwer               | 66.0            | 46.1        | 56.1        | 61.8        | -5.7        | 1.72          | 1         | 0.62        | 8.15        | 4.33           |
| Extreme/Average      | 68.2            | 44.1        | 56.2        | 62.0        | -5.8        | 1.34          | 2         | 0.41        | 7.34        | 3.45           |
| <b>State</b>         | <b>65.7</b>     | <b>41.5</b> | <b>53.6</b> | <b>59.2</b> | <b>-5.4</b> | <b>1.60</b>   | <b>1</b>  | <b>0.69</b> | <b>6.06</b> | <b>2.03</b>    |

Normal= Averaged collected data from 1981-2010.  
 DFN = Departure From Normal.  
 (NA) Not available.